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Prosecutor Curry announces fifth Community Justice Academy

2015 Academy topics include mental illness, child neglect, social media and hate crimes

(Indianapolis, Ind.) The Marion County Prosecutor's Office announced today that it will host the fifth annual Community Justice Academy this fall. The Community Justice Academy sessions will be held on four consecutive Monday evenings, September 28 through October 19, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Indianapolis Public Library - Library Services Center.

Begun in 2011, the Community Justice Academy is part of a comprehensive effort by the Prosecutor's Office to educate and engage citizens about crime prevention strategies and the criminal justice system. Each year, guest speakers and experts from the Marion County Prosecutor's Office present information and engage attendees on a variety of topics.

The 2015 sessions, topics and presenters are:

- **Week 1 (Sep. 28): Mental Illness and the Justice System**
Presented by Barbara Cook Crawford, Marion Superior Court Judge; and Kathy Infanger, Deputy Prosecutor
- **Week 2 (Oct. 5): Neglect of Children: Exposing the Epidemic**
Presented by Dr. Brandie Oliver, Butler University Assistant Professor; Shawn Bush, Lawrence Township Director of Student Services; and Sandy Runkle, Director of Programs with Prevent Child Abuse Indiana
- **Week 3 (Oct. 12): Social Media and Criminal Prosecution**
Presented by Steven Schafer, IMPD Detective-Sergeant; and Tiffany McCormick, Assistant U.S Attorney
- **Week 4 (Oct.19): Hate Crimes**
Presented by Terry Curry, Marion County Prosecutor; and Miriam Zeidman, Midwest Civil Rights Counsel with the Anti-Defamation League

The Community Justice Academy is free to attend and all adults are welcome. Seating is limited and registration is required. To learn more or register, please contact Annie Kern at (317) 327-3642 or annie.kern@indy.gov.

The Indianapolis Public Library – Library Services Center is located at 2450 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis.